

# STARBLAZER

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A once famous city, plagued by Biorobots, is also the stronghold of an evil alien race. The earthforce prepare to strike back, and . . .

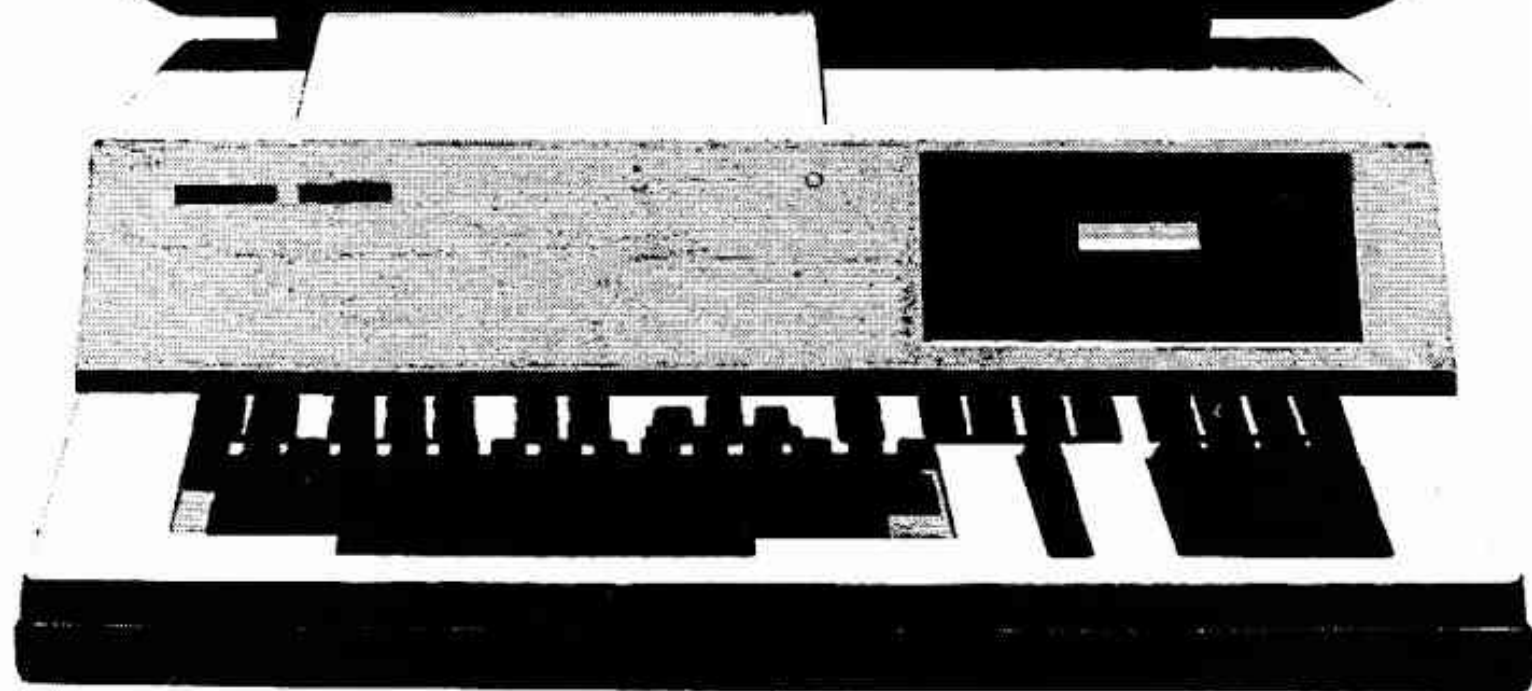
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## RETURN TO DARKLAND

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From his base on the island of G-Brit on Planet Earth, the evil alien, Tarb, controlled his murderous space raiders. The web of his brutal rule spread throughout the Kingdoms of inhabited space. It was the turn of the Terran Kindorans to be menaced by these thugs, and it was time to consider a—



# RETURN TO DARKLAND




IN DEEP SPACE AN UNARMED SURVEY SHIP, FROM THE TERRAN TRADING PLANET KINDORA, CAME UNDER ATTACK!

DIE, MEDDLERS!




THE INNOCENT KINDORANS WERE ON A WRECK-CHARTING MISSION.



TARB'S RAIDERS WERE LOOTING THAT  
WRECK. BETTER GET OUT FAST — BEFORE  
WE'RE A WRECK TOO!

FOOLS! THEY ARE HEADING TOWARDS THE  
DARKLIGHT ZONE.

IN THE DEADLY DARKLIGHT ZONE PLANETS WERE INVISIBLE TO THEIR INSTRUMENTS  
BECAUSE THE ATMOSPHERE WAS TOO DENSE FOR ELECTRONIC IMPULSES TO PENETRATE.



WE'RE FLYING BLIND —  
SWITCH TO MANUAL!



THE KINDORANS HIT FURTHER PROBLEMS —



OPPOSING GRAVITY PULL FROM TWO PLANETS. THE SHIP WILL BE TORN TO PIECES.

ABOARD THE TARB GUNSHIP, THE CHASE WAS BEING ENJOYED —



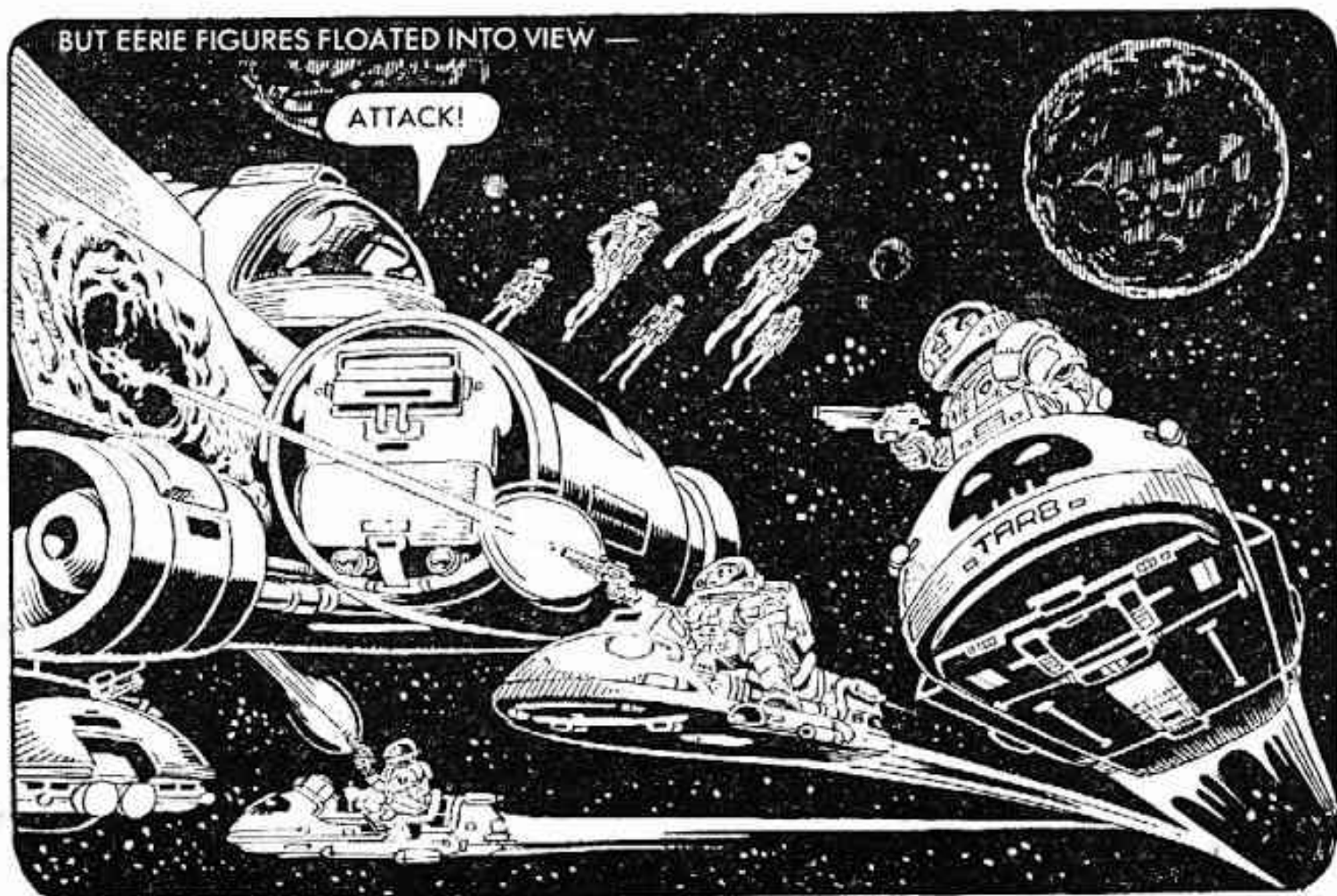
WE'LL STRIKE WHILST THEY'RE TROUBLE —  
FIRE PARTICLE BEAM! LAUNCH SOLO-JETS!

THE SOLO JETS SPED OUT —



BUT EERIE FIGURES FLOATED INTO VIEW —

ATTACK!









A SPACECRAFT EMERGED FROM THE DARKLIGHT MATRIX.



THAT'S A STARKILLER SHIP! IT'S DESTROYING TARB'S GUNSHIPS.

THE STARKILLERS SET UP A DIRECT LINK WITH THE KINDORANS.



OUR TRACTOR BEAM WILL BRING YOUR SHIP SAFELY TO OUR BASE.

THANK YOU.

THEY RETURNED TO THE HIDDEN BASE.

PERHAPS THE STARKILLERS COULD  
DEFEAT THE WARLORD TARB.

THAT'S UP TO OUR HIGH COUNCIL — WE  
HAVEN'T FOUGHT SINCE THE GALACTIC  
WARS.

THE KINDORANS MET THE STARKILLERS' HIGH COUNCIL.

... AS FAR AS WE KNOW TARB HAS  
GAINED POWER THROUGH RIGGED  
ELECTIONS AND ASSASSINATION OF  
POLITICAL OPPONENTS. THE EARTH  
COUNCIL IS UNDER HIS CONTROL.

ACCORDING TO THE PEACE TREATY WE,  
THE STARKILLERS WERE DISBANDED. WE  
ARE AN ILLEGAL GROUP WITHOUT  
SANCTION.





CAPTAIN KALE, OF THE MULTI-GALACTIC STARKILLERS WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF DEFEATING THE TARB. HE AND HIS SQUAD WERE PUT IN A HYPER SPACE BEAMER.



THERE WERE ALTERNATIVES —





THEY DIVED FOR COVER AS A TARB SCOUTER FLEW OVERHEAD —



AT A NEARBY CRATER —



KALE ACTIVATED A DEVICE TAKEN FROM HIS WEAPON-BELT.



THE BUBBLE'S CORROSIVE OUTER SHELL TOOK THEM DEEP INTO THE CRATER RIM —





THE ACID BUBBLE EMERGED IN A CHASM.

LOOK OUT — WE'RE FALLING. BREAK  
THE BUBBLE . . .



KALE FREED THEM FROM THE BUBBLE.

WE'RE FLOATING!

QUICK! GRAB  
THE EDGE OF THE TUNNEL!



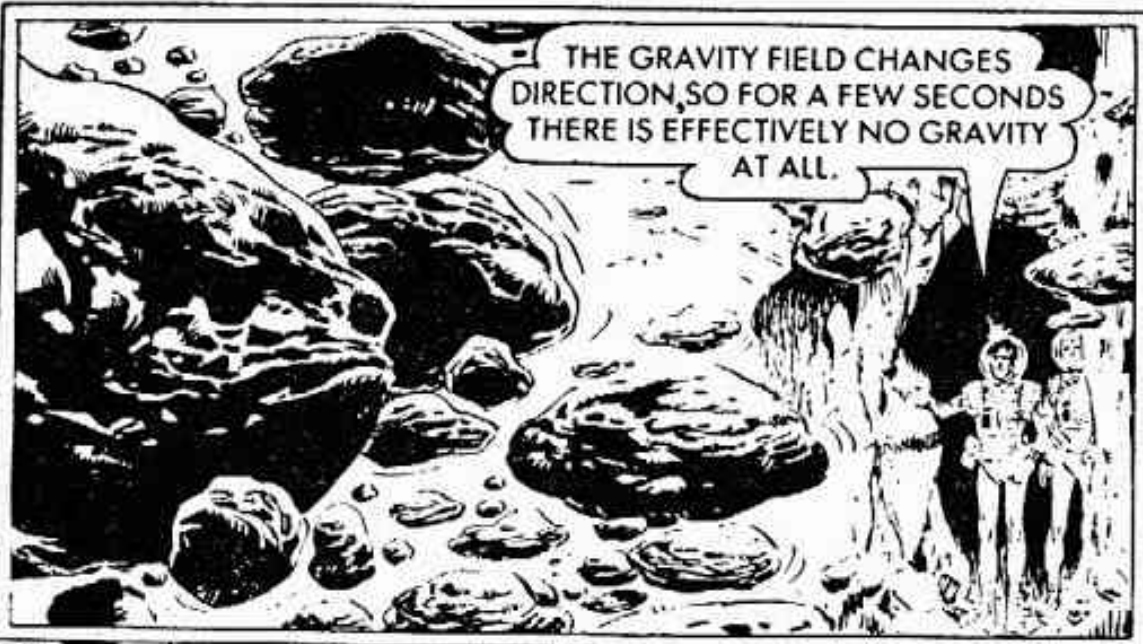




THEY STRUGGLED BACK INTO THE TUNNEL.


THE ALTERNATING GRAVITY FIELD MUST BE A SECURITY SYSTEM.





THE GRAVITY FIELD CHANGES  
DIRECTION, SO FOR A FEW SECONDS  
THERE IS EFFECTIVELY NO GRAVITY  
AT ALL.

KALE PICKED THE EXACT MOMENT TO JUMP.



EASY ENOUGH —  
NOW YOU FOLLOW!







AN EAR-SHATTERING ROAR SCARED THE STARKILLERS —

LOGAN'S COMET —  
IT'S ALIVE!









THE CREATURE WAS TRICKED INTO THE ALTERNATING GRAVITY FIELD.



THE CREATURE WAS SMASHED AGAINST THE LUNAR ROCK.

LET'S MOVE ON — BEFORE MORE  
CRYSTALS START COMING TO LIFE!





THE AIRLOCK OPENED WITH THE STARKILLERS FIRING—







THE STARKILLERS FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO CONTROL.

ALL UNITS CONVERGE — WE ARE UNDER  
ATTACK! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! CONTROL TO  
TARB . . .

THIS NEURO-GRENADE  
WILL SHUT YOU UP!

INSIDE THE CONTROL CENTRE—

THAT WILL GIVE US  
A BREATHING SPACE.

SO TARB USES CRYSTAL CREATURES TO  
KEEP TERRANS UNDER CONTROL — AND  
THEY ARE CONTROLLED FROM HERE.



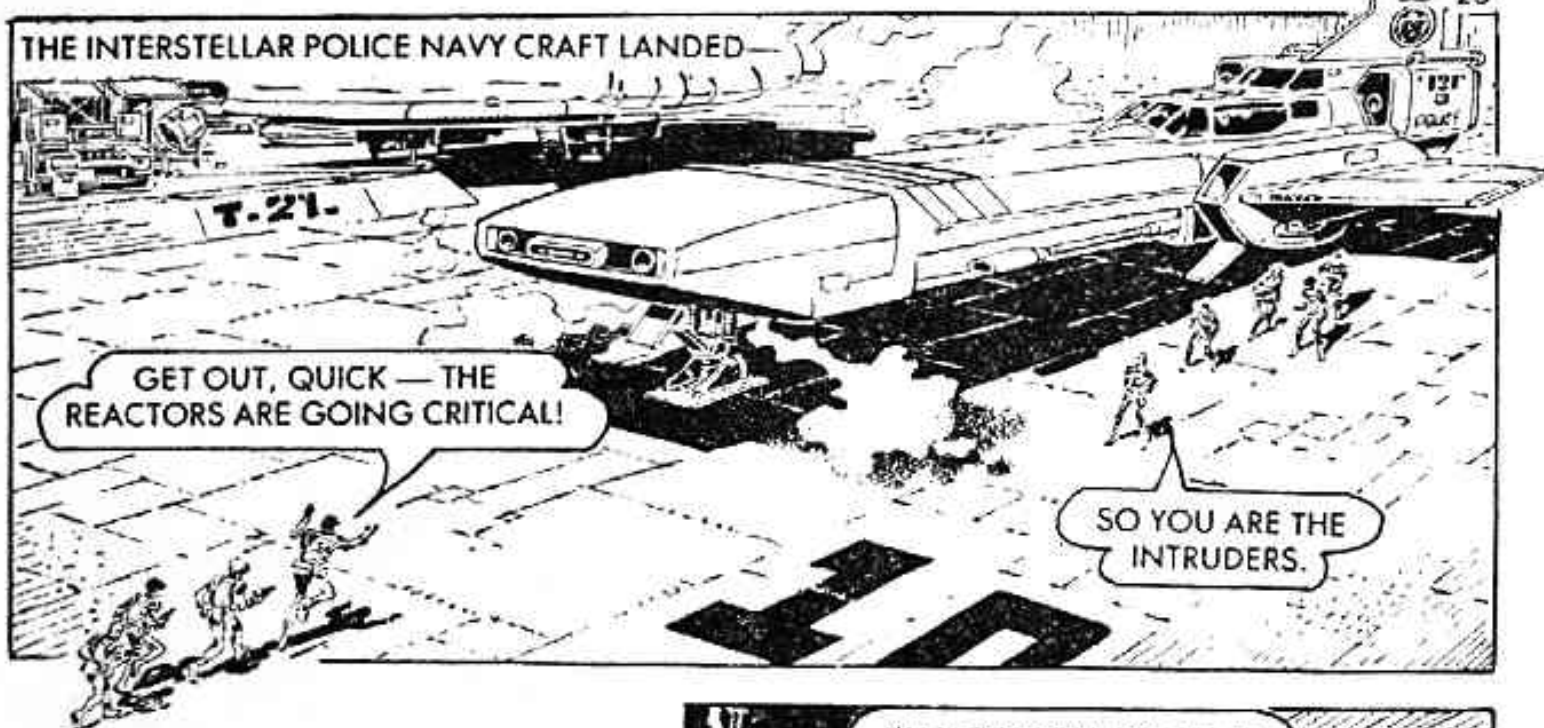


THE ESCAPE ROUTE TOOK THEM TO THE BASE'S LANDING AREA.





THE INTERSTELLAR POLICE NAVY CRAFT LANDED—



SO YOU ARE THE  
INTRUDERS.

TARB WILL WANT TO  
SEE YOU IN PERSON!



I'M NOT COMING! HEAD  
FOR THE NEAREST SHIP.



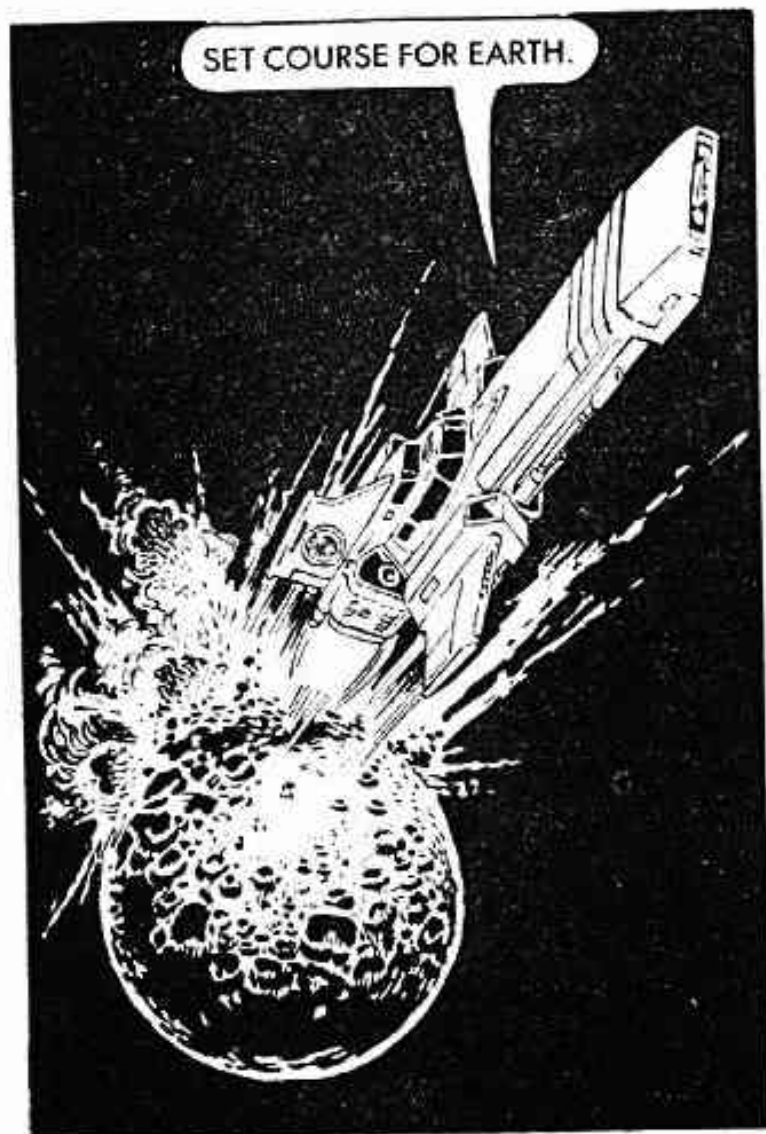
BITE SPACE-DUST!

THE STARKILLERS BLASTED OFF IN THE IPN CRAFT—



ANY MOMENT NOW!

SET COURSE FOR EARTH.



THE STARKILLERS' CRAFT APPROACHED EARTH.



WE'LL LAND NEAR THE CITY OF RIFT IN AFRIK.

LOOK OUT, WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!



ANOTHER LIKE THAT AND  
WE'RE FINISHED.



BUT AS THEY TWISTED AND TURNED ONLY A  
FEW HUNDRED FEET FROM THE EARTH'S  
SURFACE, HELP ARRIVED—



SOMEONE'S FIRING ON THE  
GUNSHIP — DRIVING IT OFF.

THEIR RESCUERS ESCORTED THEM TOWARDS RIFT.

THIS IS AS NEAR TO  
THE CITY AS WE CAN MAKE IT.

THEY'RE ATTEMPTING  
A CRASH LANDING.

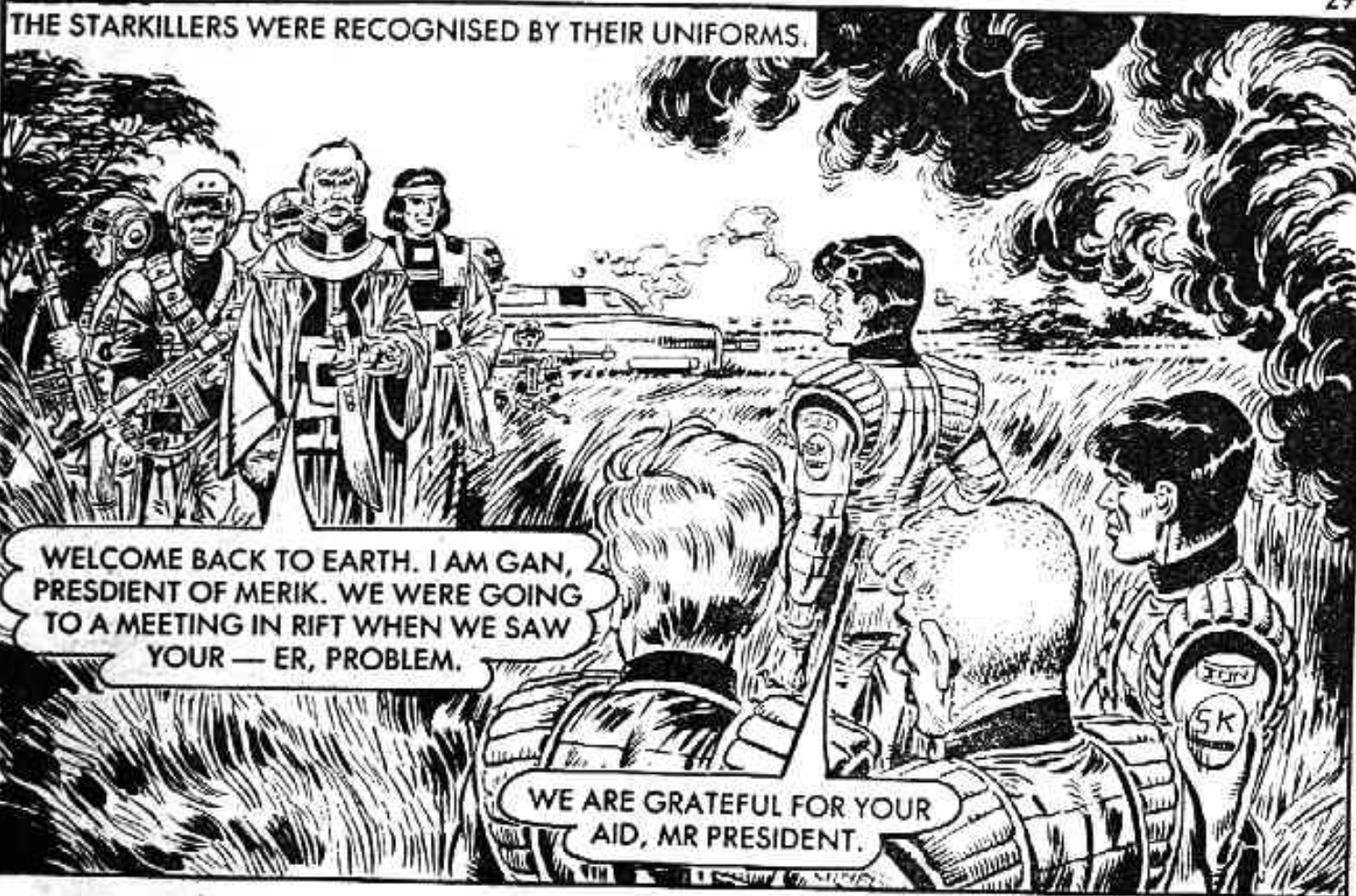


KALE LANDED SAFELY—






THE STARKILLERS WERE RECOGNISED BY THEIR UNIFORMS.



WELCOME BACK TO EARTH. I AM GAN, PRESIDENT OF MERIK. WE WERE GOING TO A MEETING IN RIFT WHEN WE SAW YOUR — ER, PROBLEM.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR AID, MR PRESIDENT.

AS THE STARKILLERS WERE EXPLAINING THEIR MISSION.



THE HEADS OF EACH CONTINENT-STATE OF EARTH ARE GATHERING IN RIFT TO PLAN WAYS OF DEFEATING TARB.

TARB'S MEN — IN HOVER-SPHERES!

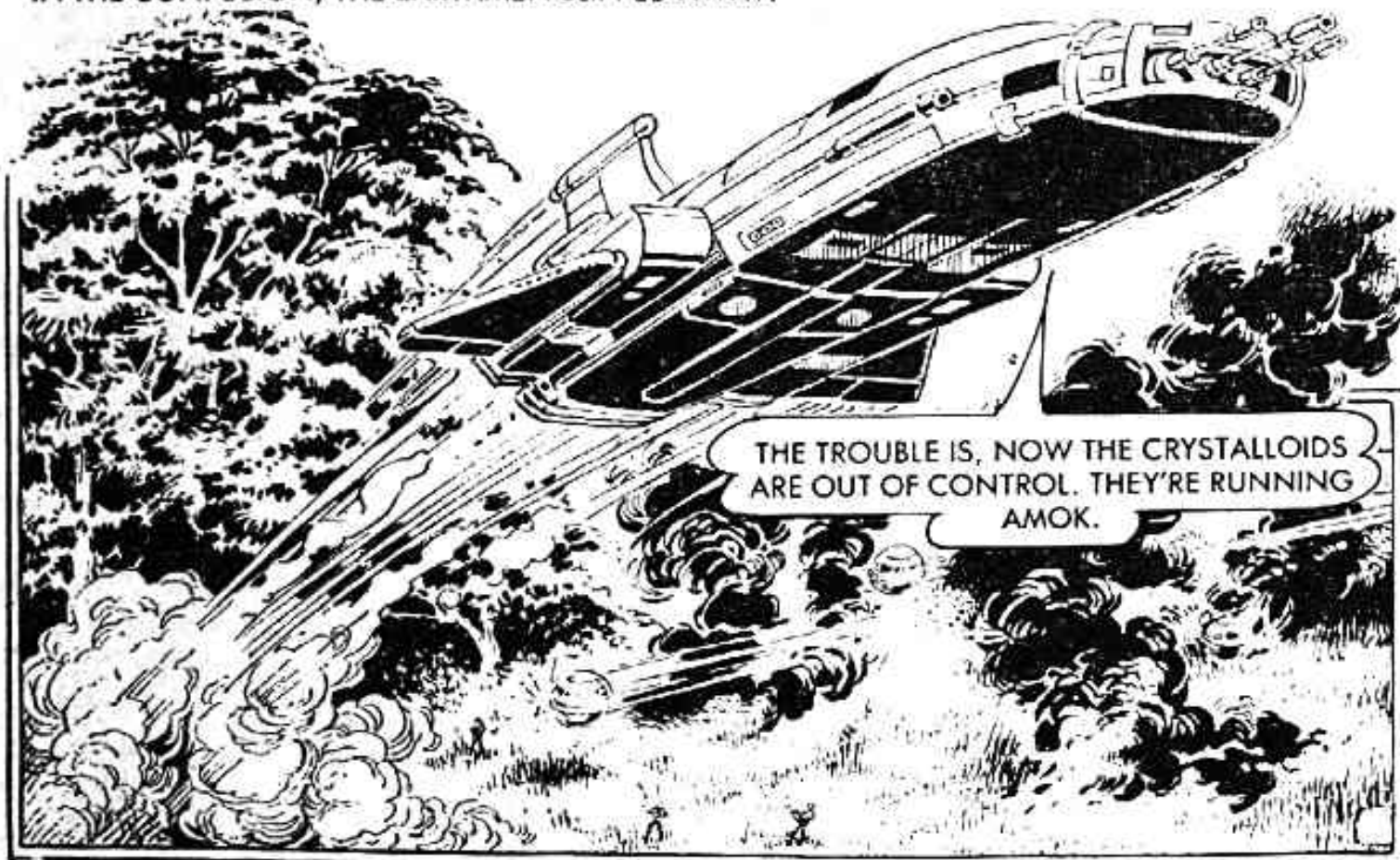




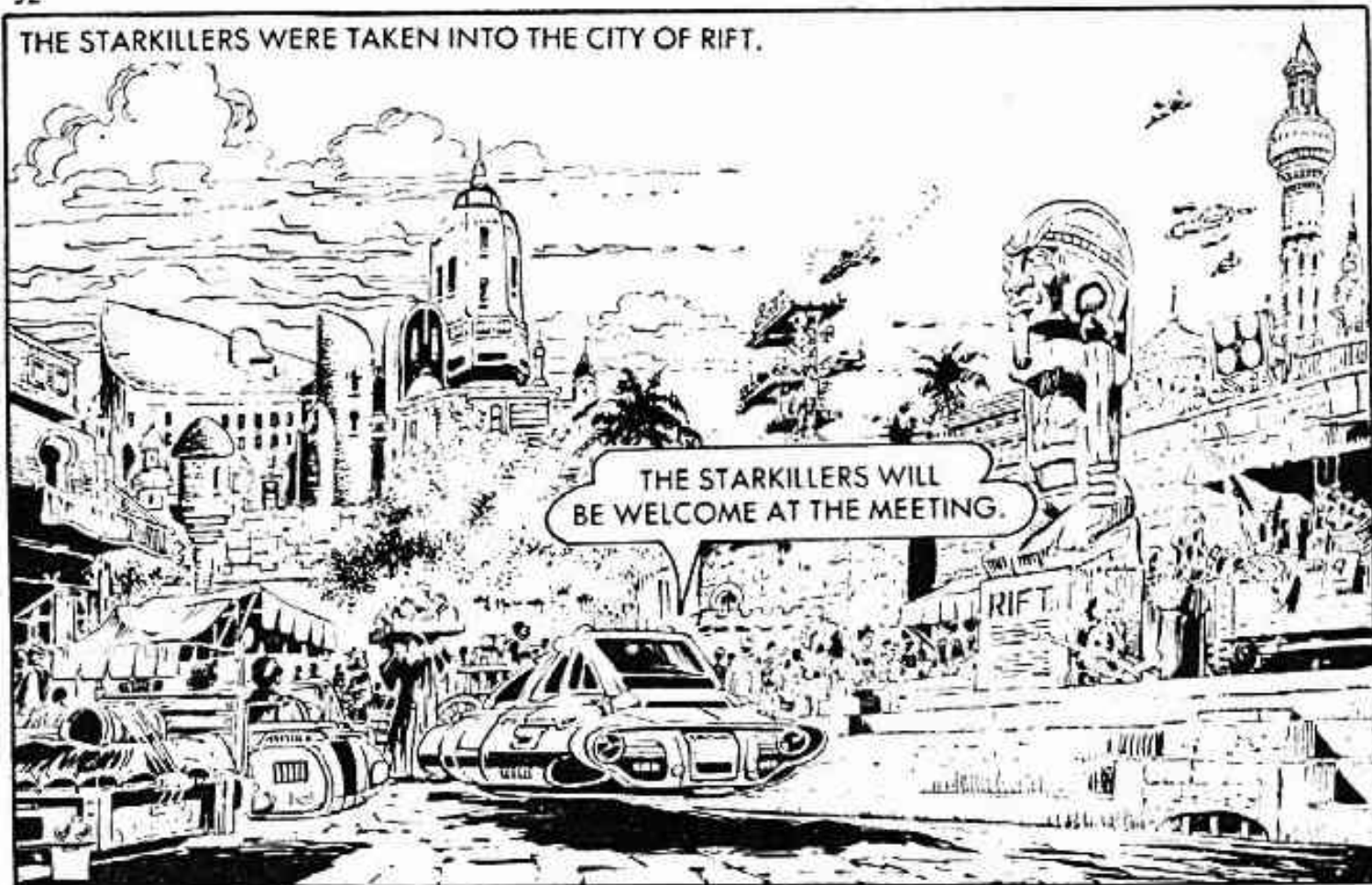
THE CRYSTALLOIDS IGNORED THE EARTHERS.



IN THE CONFUSION, THE EARTHMEN SLIPPED AWAY.



THE STARKILLERS WERE TAKEN INTO THE CITY OF RIFT.




THEY MET THE HEADS OF AFRIK, ASHA, AUST AND U-ROP, THE OTHER CONTINENT-STATES OF EARTH.








THE STARKILLERS LED AN ASSAULT FORCE.

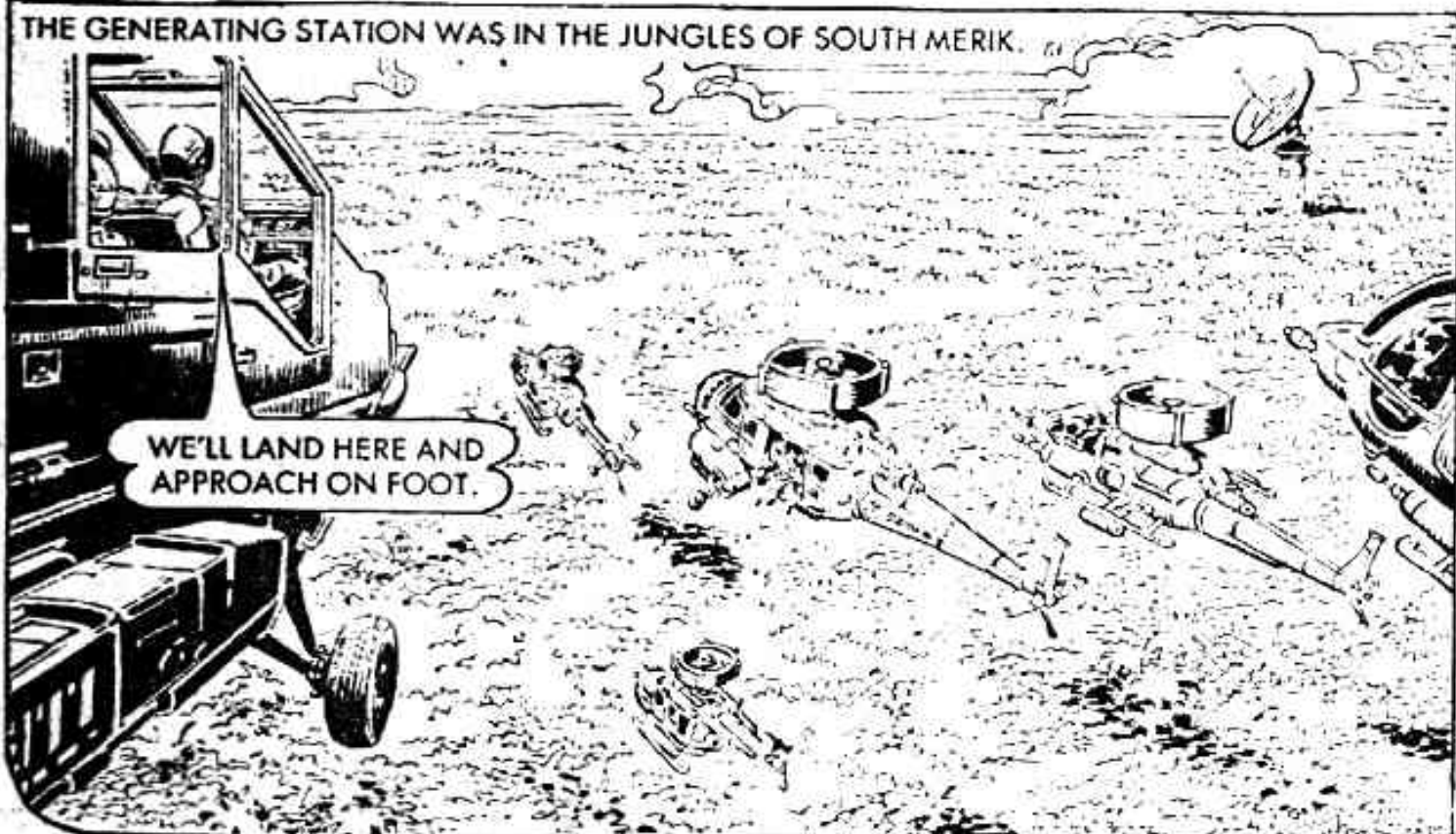


THE HYPERSPACE NET IS GENERATED FROM A STATION UNDER TARB'S CONTROL.



THE STARKILLERS HAVE SUCH WEAPONS. IF WE DESTROY THE HYPERSPACE NET, THEY CAN BE BEAMED IN TO US!

THE EARTH ARMIES WERE WELL-TRAINED, BUT THEY HAD ONLY OUTDATED WEAPONS.



THE GENERATING STATION WAS IN THE JUNGLES OF SOUTH MERIK.

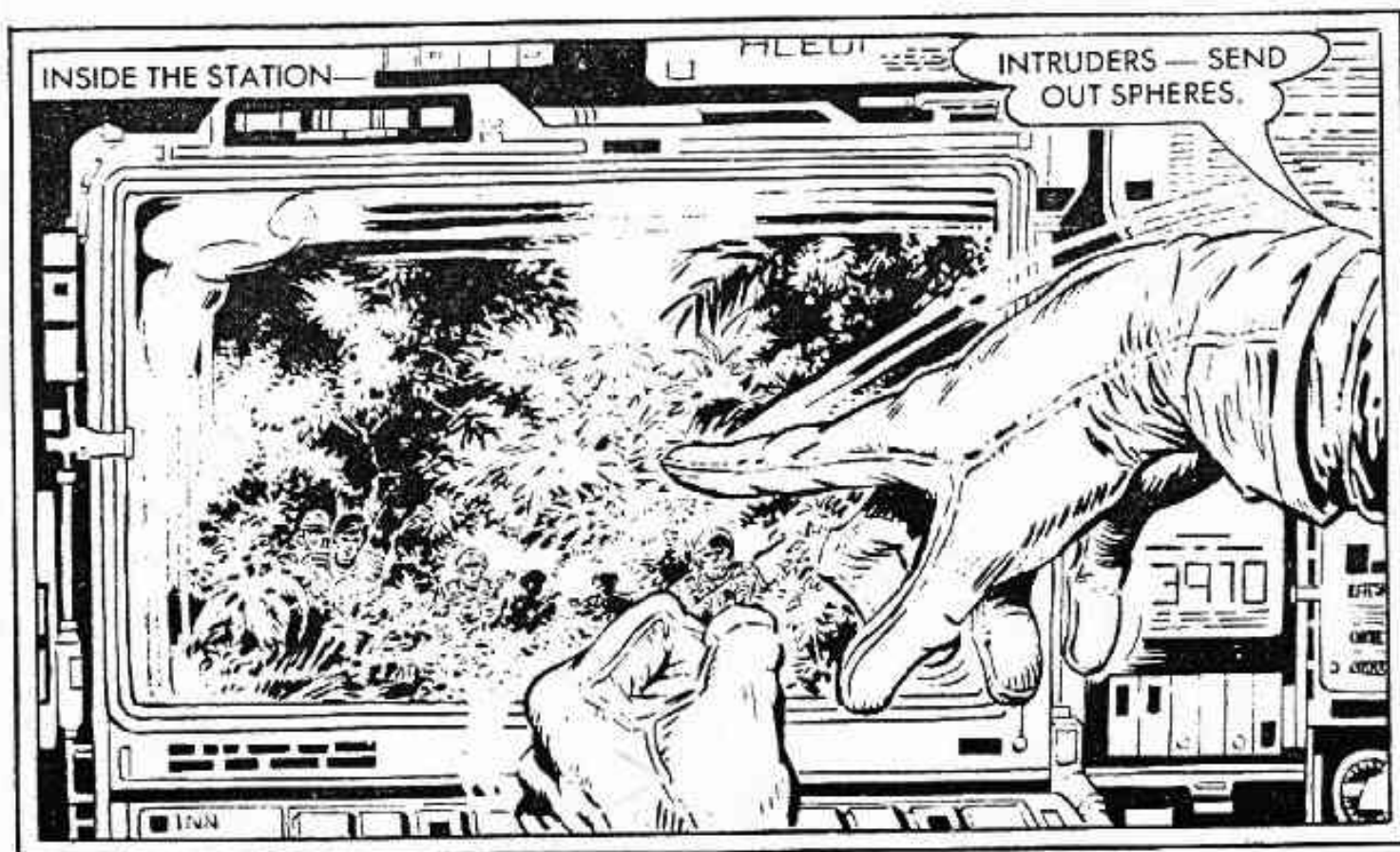
WE'LL LAND HERE AND APPROACH ON FOOT.

WHEN THEY REACHED THE STATION.



INSIDE THE STATION—

INTRUDERS — SEND  
OUT SPHERES.







THE BIONIC FLYERS WERE SAVAGE, HALF-MACHINE CREATURES USED BY TARB TO PROTECT THE REMOTE STATION.







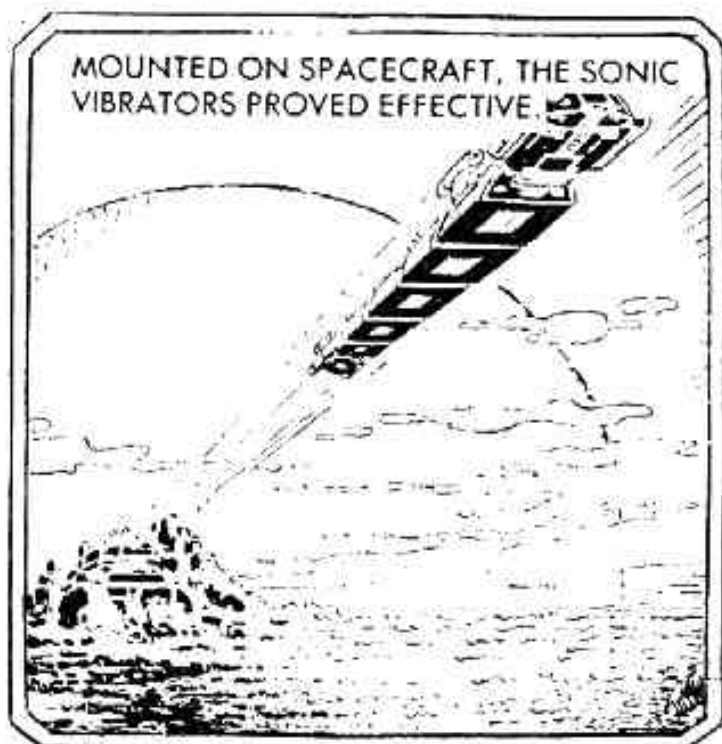
ALL THE FLYERS WERE EVENTUALLY DESTROYED.



THE HYPERSPACE NET WAS DESTROYED AND SONIC VIBRATORS BEAMED IN FROM THE STARKILLERS' H.Q.

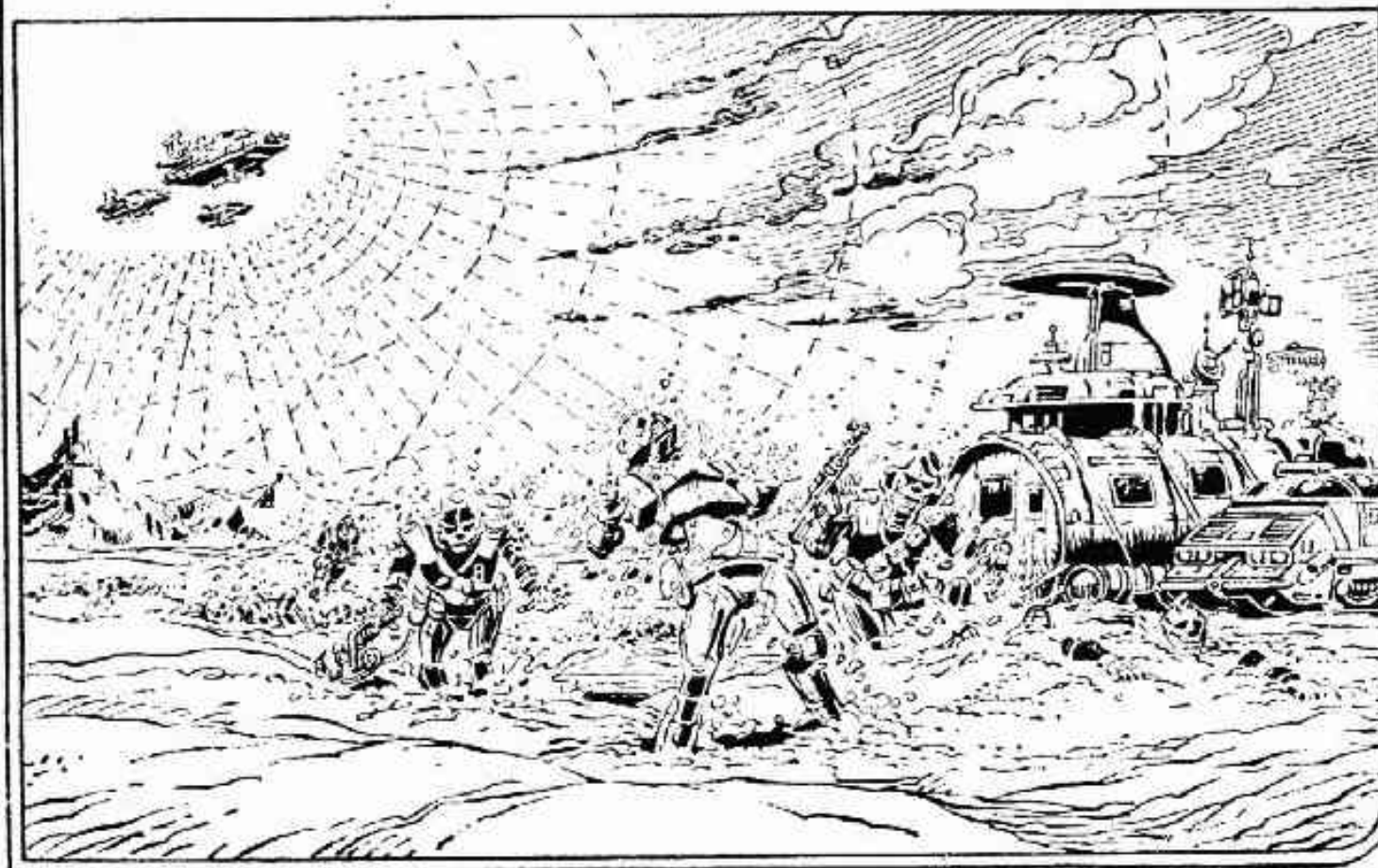


MOUNTED ON SPACECRAFT, THE SONIC VIBRATORS PROVED EFFECTIVE.





ALL OVER EARTH THE CRYSTALLOIDS WERE DESTROYED.



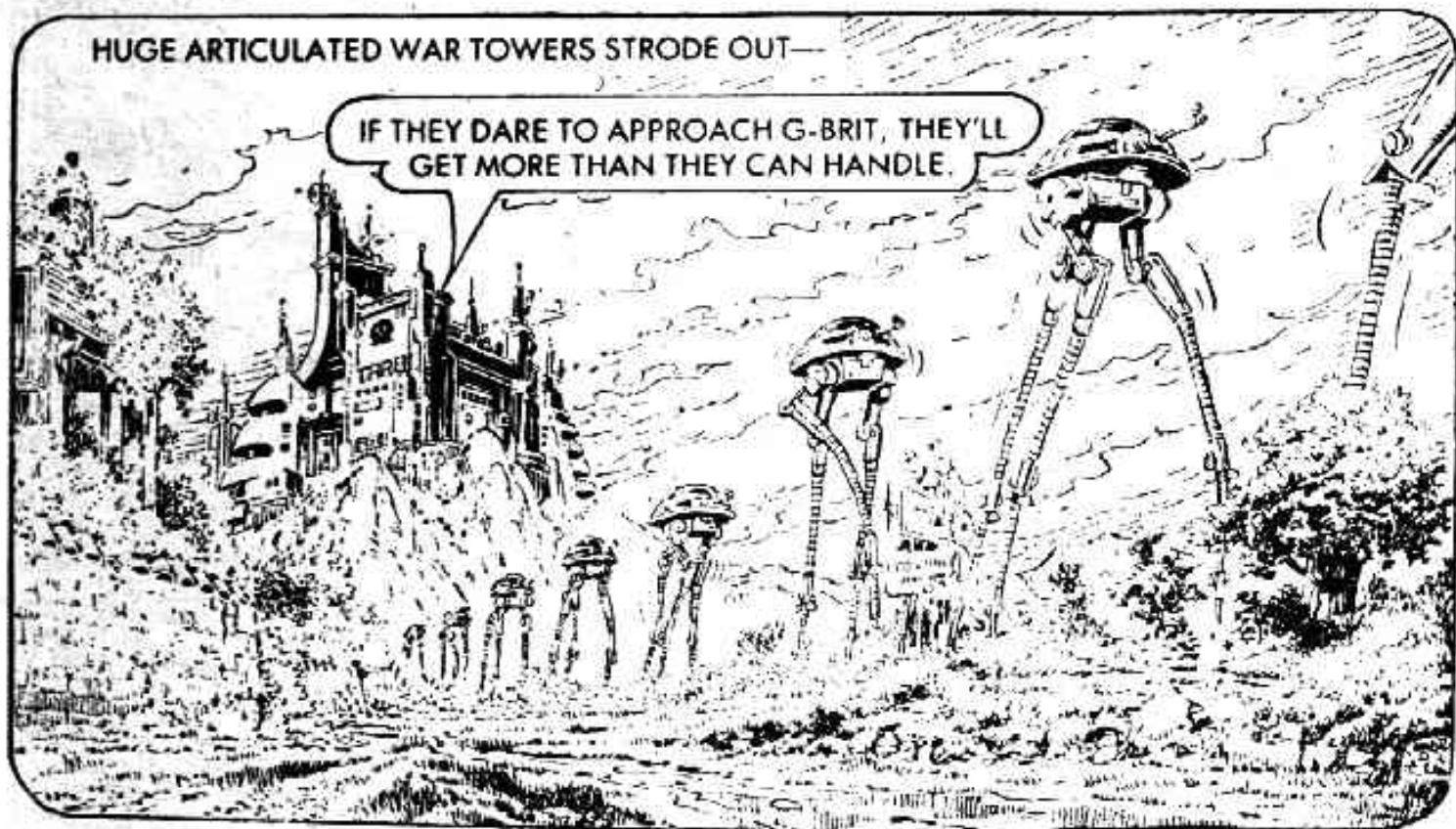


IN HIS HEADQUARTERS IN G-BRIT, TARB LEARNED OF THE DESTRUCTION.



HUGE ARTICULATED WAR TOWERS STRODE OUT—

IF THEY DARE TO APPROACH G-BRIT, THEY'LL  
GET MORE THAN THEY CAN HANDLE.



MEANWHILE, THE STARKILLERS RETURNED TO RIFT.

WITHOUT HIS ARMY OF CRYSTALLOIDS, TARB IS ON THE DEFENSIVE. HIS PATROLS HAVE RETREATED TO HIS FORTRESS.

GATHER YOUR FORCES ON THE COAST OF U-ROP. WE WILL ATTACK BY LAND!

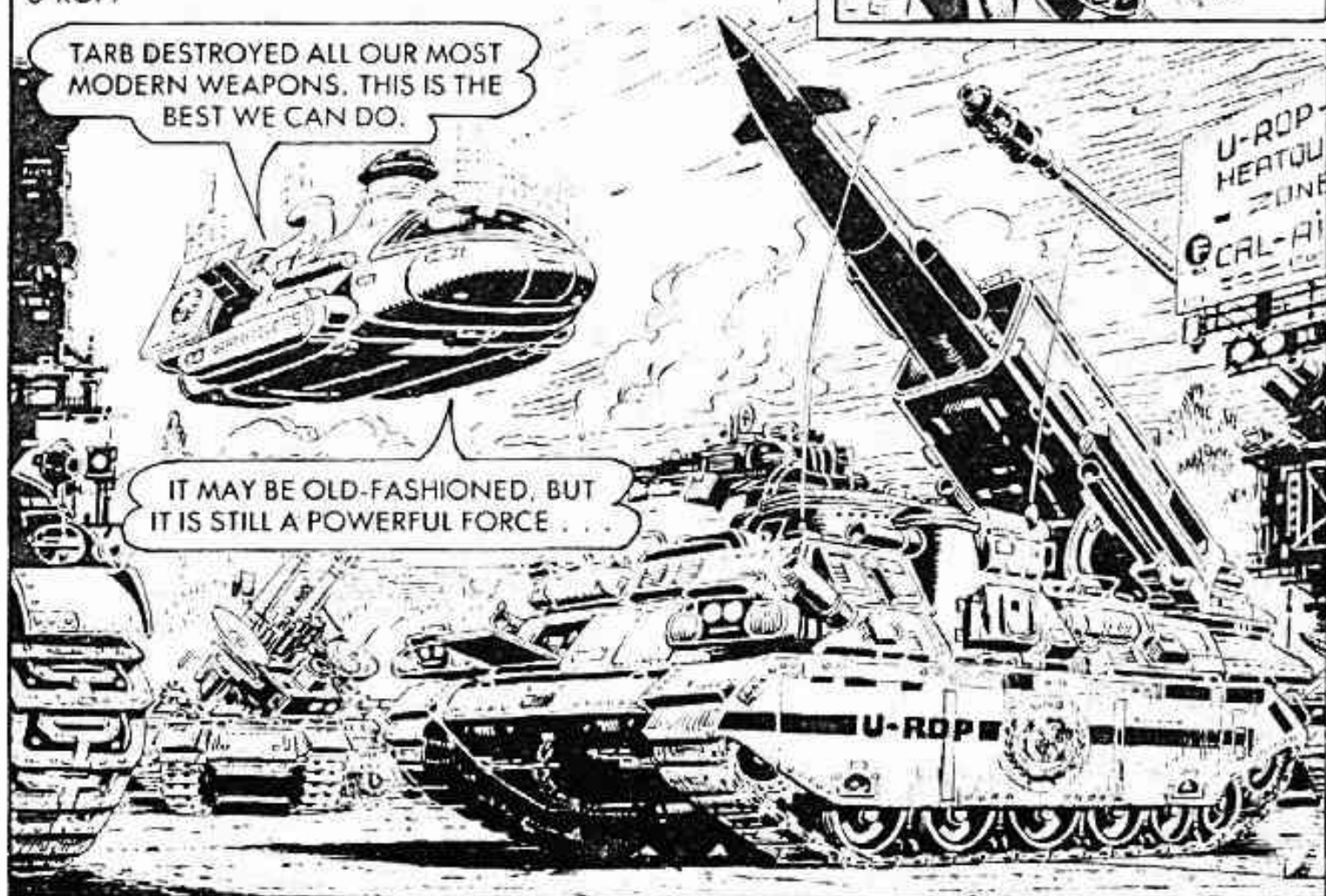
BUT THE DARKLAND OF G-BRIT IS PROTECTED FROM AIR ATTACK BY A FORCE UMBRELLA. TARB IS UNASSAILABLE.

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE — G-BRIT IS AN ISLAND.

ALL THE AVAILABLE WAR-MACHINES WERE BROUGHT TO U-ROP.

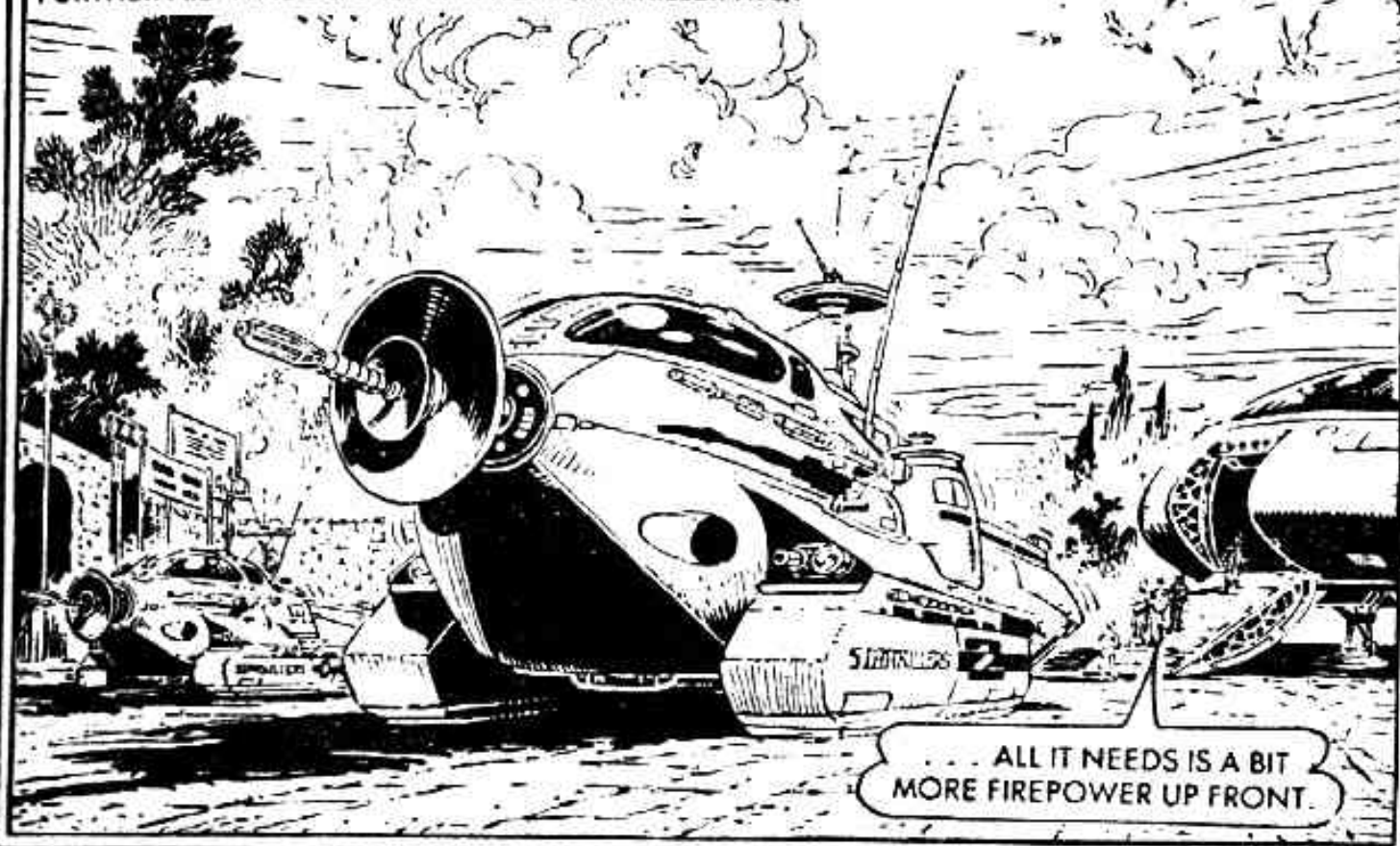
TARB DESTROYED ALL OUR MOST MODERN WEAPONS. THIS IS THE BEST WE CAN DO.

IT MAY BE OLD-FASHIONED, BUT IT IS STILL A POWERFUL FORCE . . .



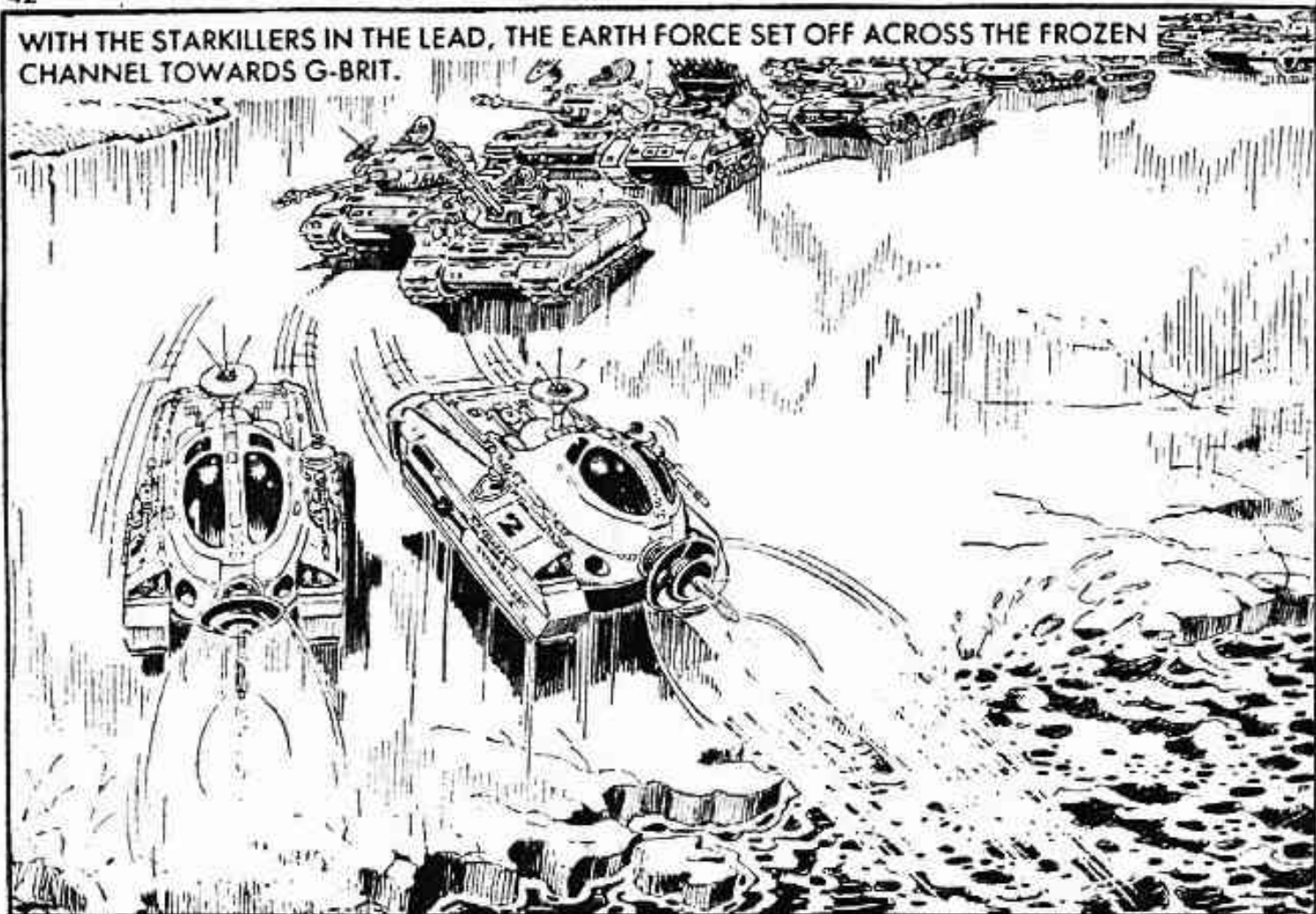


FURTHER AID WAS BEAMED IN FROM STARKILLER H.Q.



STARKILLER ASSAULT VEHICLES —  
EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST WEAPON  
SYSTEMS AND CRYO-UNITS CAPABLE OF  
FREEZING THE SEA BETWEEN G-BRIT AND  
THE MAINLAND!

WITH THE STARKILLERS IN THE LEAD, THE EARTH FORCE SET OFF ACROSS THE FROZEN CHANNEL TOWARDS G-BRIT.

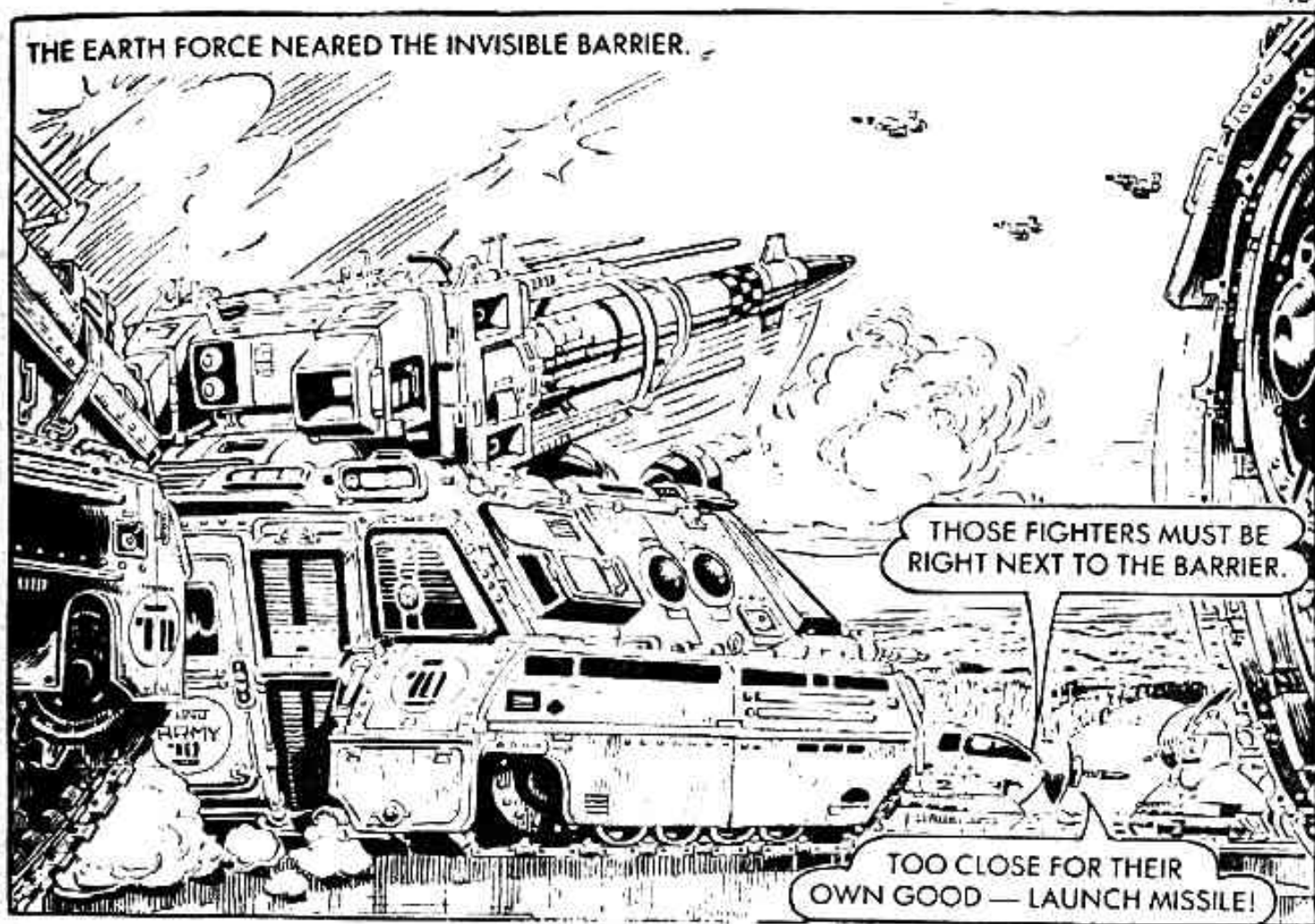


AS THEY APPROACHED THE COAST.





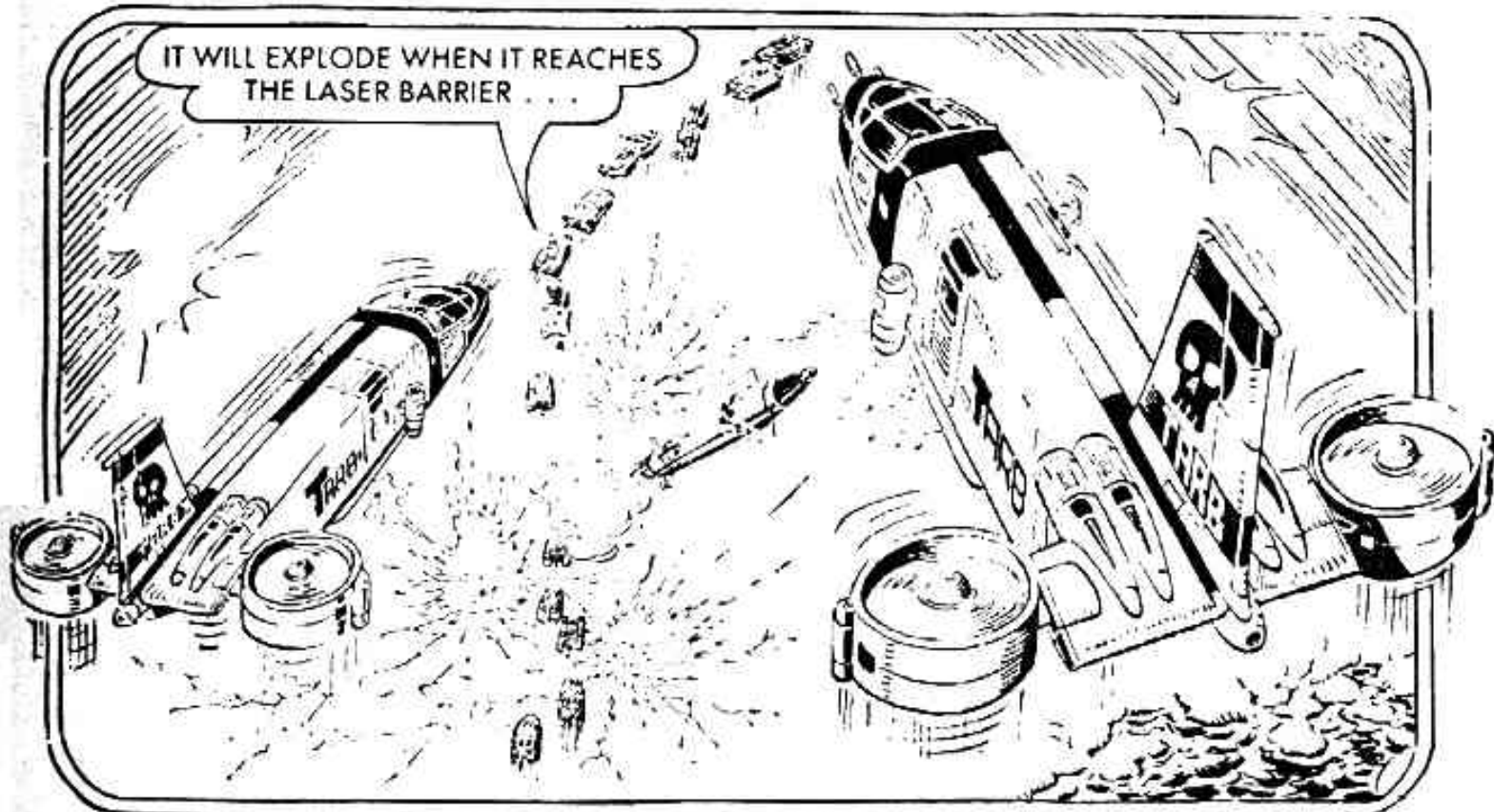
THE EARTH FORCE NEARED THE INVISIBLE BARRIER.



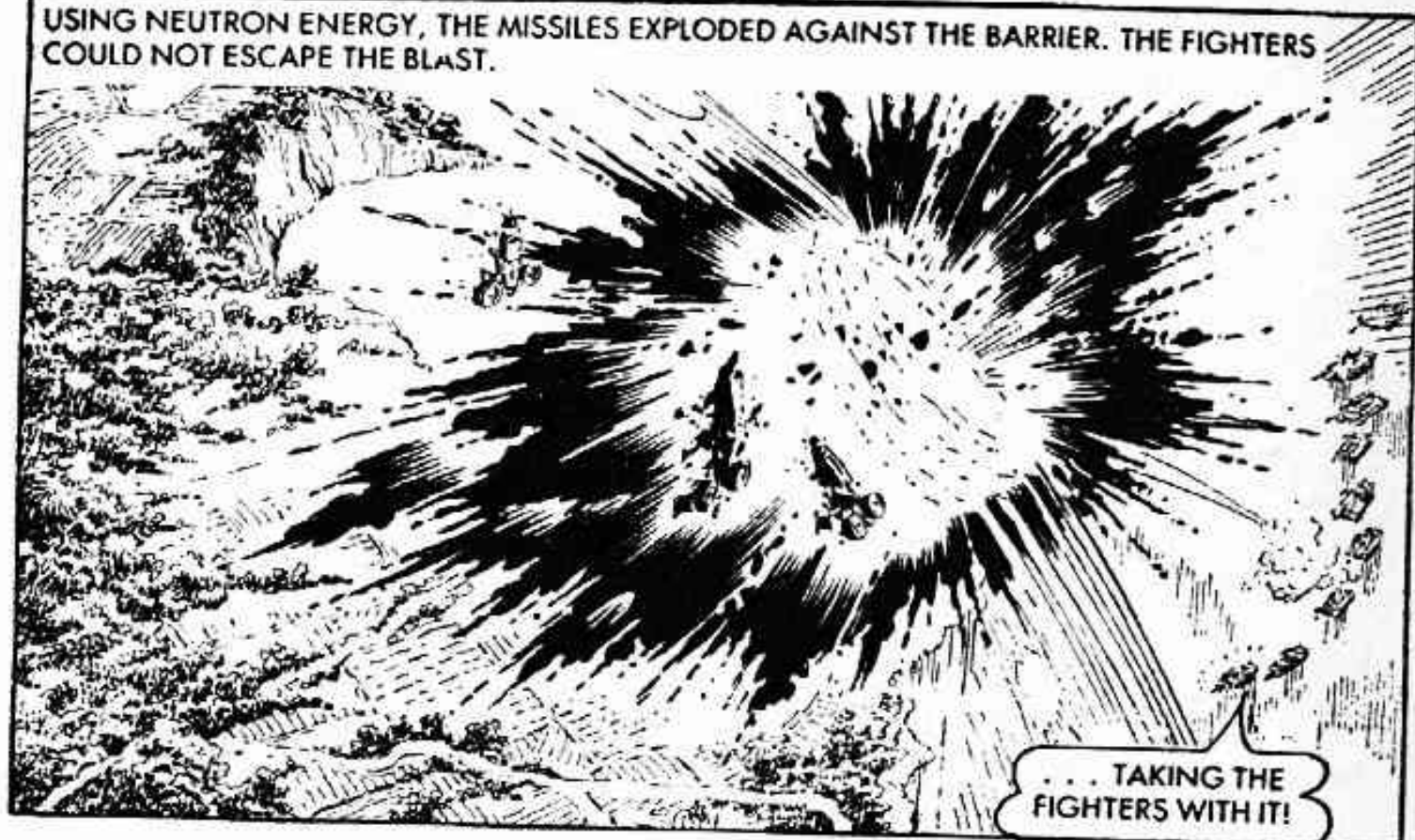
THOSE FIGHTERS MUST BE  
RIGHT NEXT TO THE BARRIER.

TOO CLOSE FOR THEIR  
OWN GOOD — LAUNCH MISSILE!

IT WILL EXPLODE WHEN IT REACHES  
THE LASER BARRIER . . .



USING NEUTRON ENERGY, THE MISSILES EXPLODED AGAINST THE BARRIER. THE FIGHTERS COULD NOT ESCAPE THE BLAST.



THEY TRAVELLED INLAND, THROUGH A HOLE IN THE WEAKENED FORCE UMBRELLA.

THE RUINS OF LOND — ONCE  
THE LARGEST CITY IN G-BRIT.





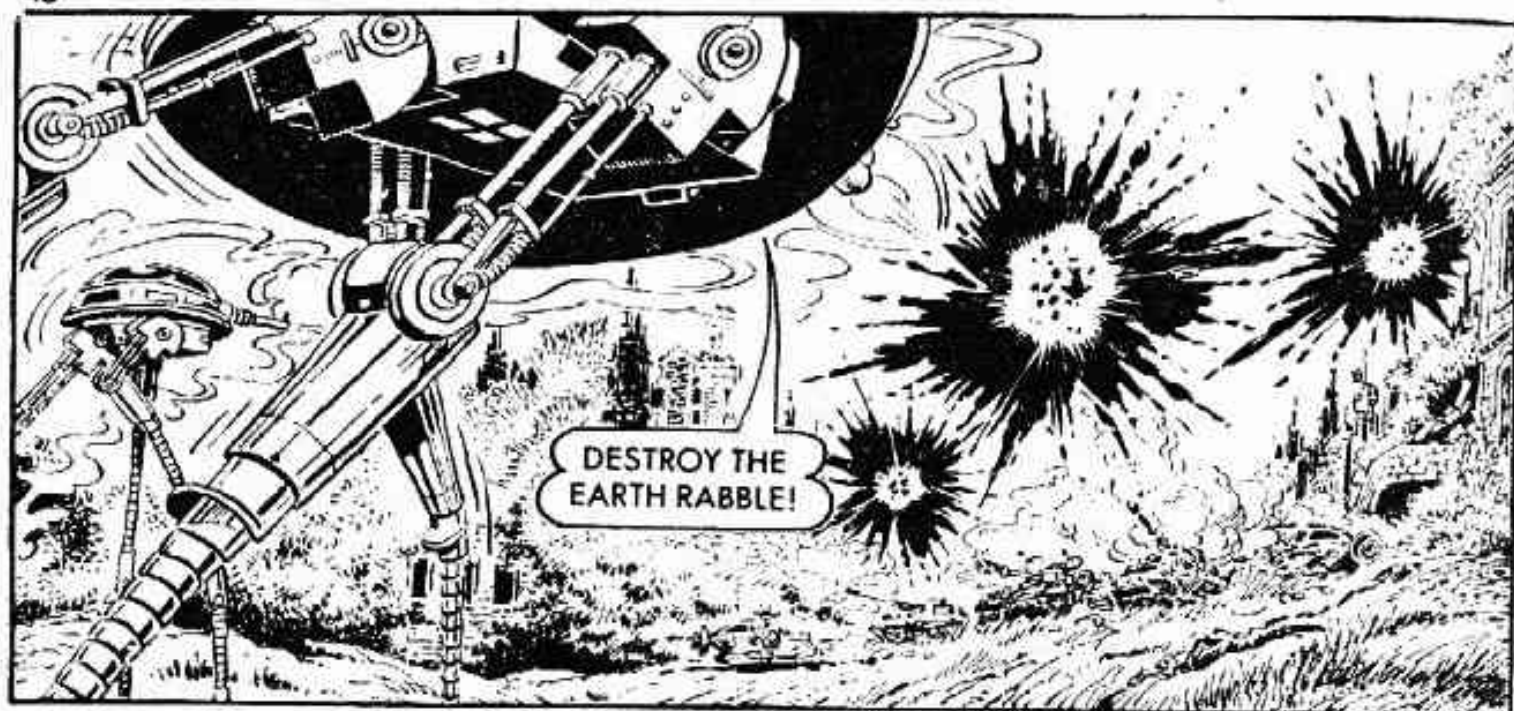
THEY REACHED THE RUINED CITY.

MULTIPLE ENERGY SOURCES  
SHOWING UP AHEAD.

HERE COMES TROUBLE!

WHAT IN THE SEVEN GALACTIC HELLS ARE  
THOSE! SOME DIABOLICAL CREATION OF TARB.









A TIDE OF POORLY-ARMED BUT DETERMINED HUMANS SWARMED TO THE AID OF THE CONVOY.



THE STARKILLERS EMERGED —

BRITS — THEY DON'T HAVE A  
HOPE AGAINST THOSE MACHINES.

BUT THEY'VE GIVEN US ENOUGH TIME TO  
FIGHT BACK — ACTIVATE THE CRYO-  
UNIT..!





ITS JOINTS RIGID, THE STRIDER LOST BALANCE . . .



AND SMASHED TO THE GROUND.

THE OTHERS SOON FOLLOWED —




HERN, THIS IS POL. AIM YOUR CRYO AT THEIR LEGS — IT'S LIKE THEY'D BEEN POLE-AXED!

POL









SOON THE SPACE-VERMIN  
WILL TURN NORTHWARDS.  
LET THEM COME — TO  
THEIR DOOM!

MEANWHILE —



STARKILLERS! WHO ELSE  
COULD STAND AGAINST TARB?

WITHOUT YOUR HELP WE  
WOULD HAVE BEEN DEFEATED.



NOW WE MUST STRIKE OUR  
ENEMY IN HIS OWN LAIR.

WE WILL JOIN YOU.

THE EARTH FORCE LEFT LOND.



THEY HEADED TOWARDS TARB'S FORTRESS.

WE COULD PICK THEM  
OFF ONE AT A TIME.

ORDERS ARE TO HOLD OFF — TARB'S  
GOT A NASTY SURPRISE IN STORE FOR  
THEM!





IN TARB'S HQ —

THEY ARE APPROACHING, LORD TARB.

EXCELLENT — RAISE  
THE THERMAL TOWERS!

THE TOWERS ROSE BEFORE  
THE EARTH FORCE . . .

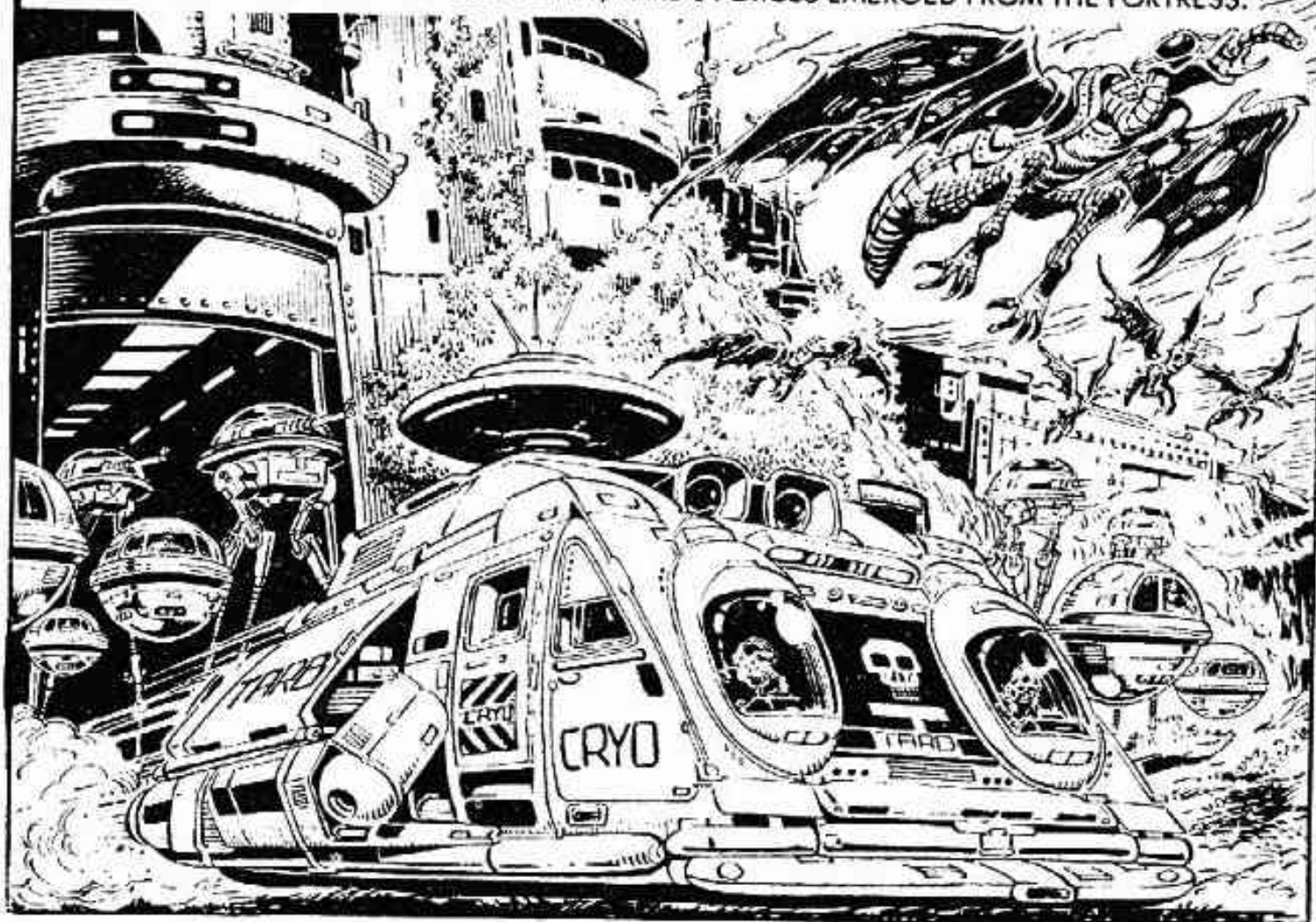
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

... AND BURNED A PATH OF DEATH TOWARDS THEM.



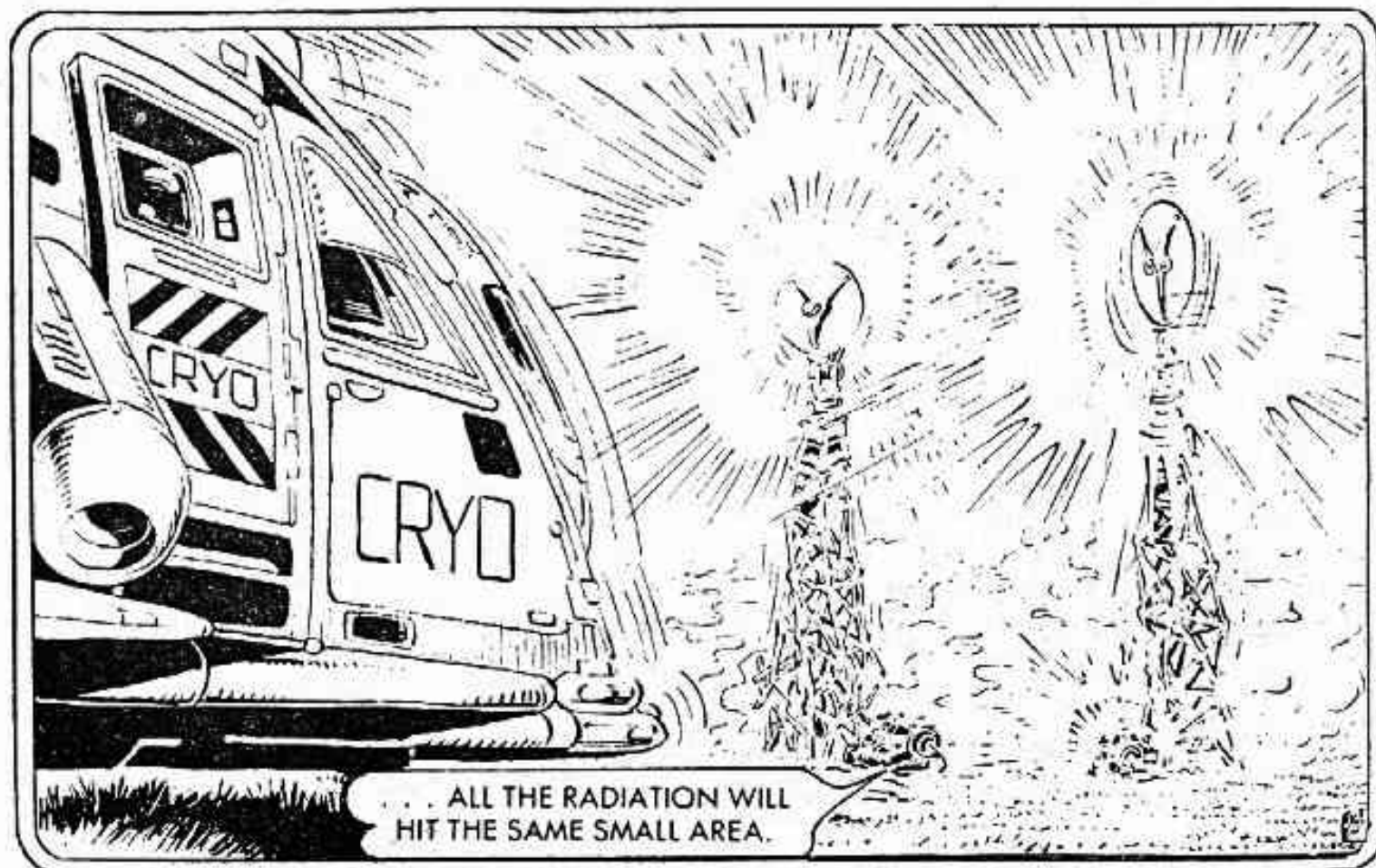


MEANWHILE, WITH THEIR OWN CRYO-UNIT, TARB'S FORCES EMERGED FROM THE FORTRESS.



TARB'S LAUNCHING A NEW ATTACK! WE  
MUST TURN THE THERMAL TOWERS  
AGAINST THEM.







EVEN THE CRYO-UNIT COULDN'T WITHSTAND THE CONCENTRATED THERMAL POWER OF BOTH TOWERS.

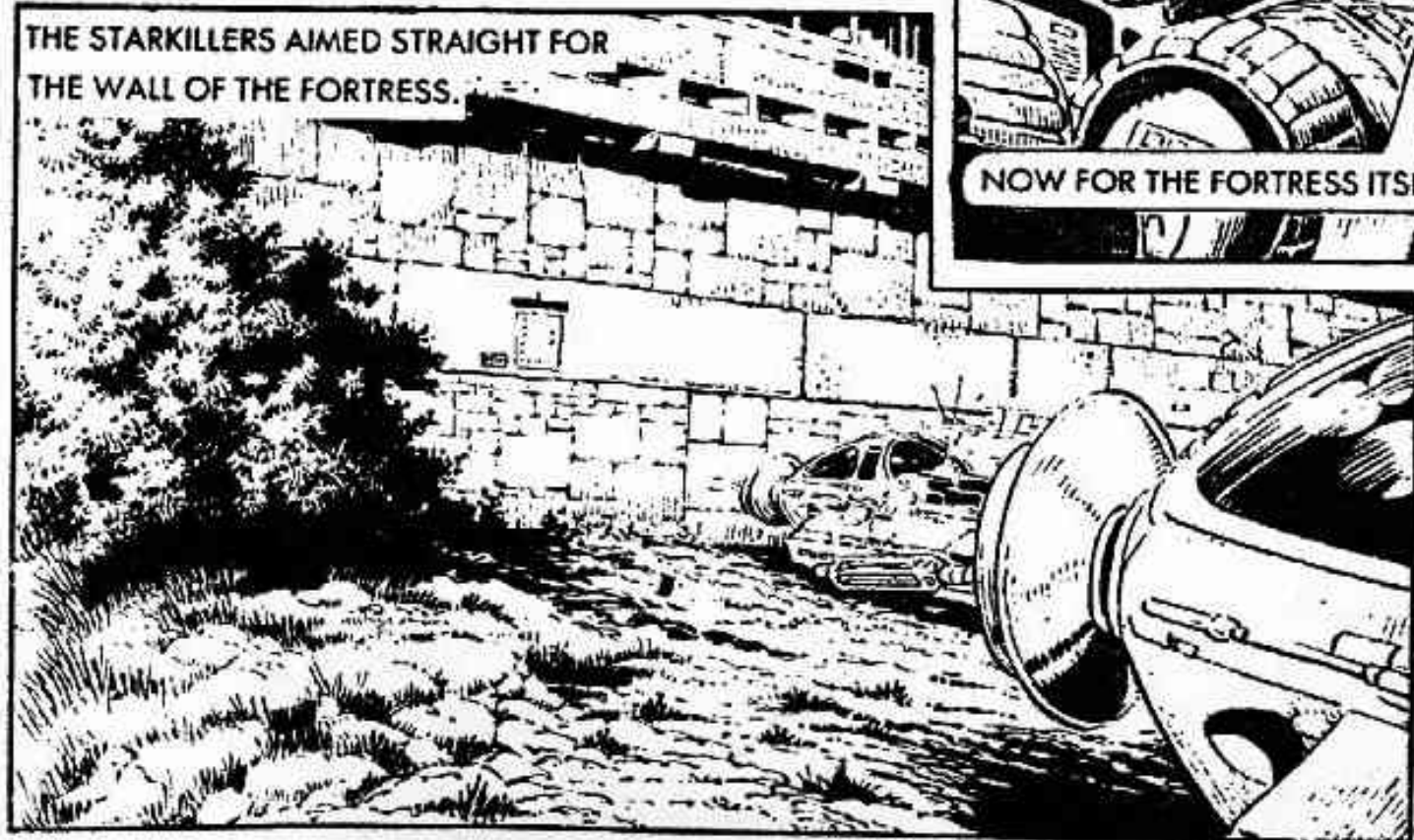


ZAPPED 'EM TO STARDUST!



NOW FOR THE FORTRESS ITSELF!

THE STARKILLERS AIMED STRAIGHT FOR THE WALL OF THE FORTRESS.





KALE LED HIS MEN.







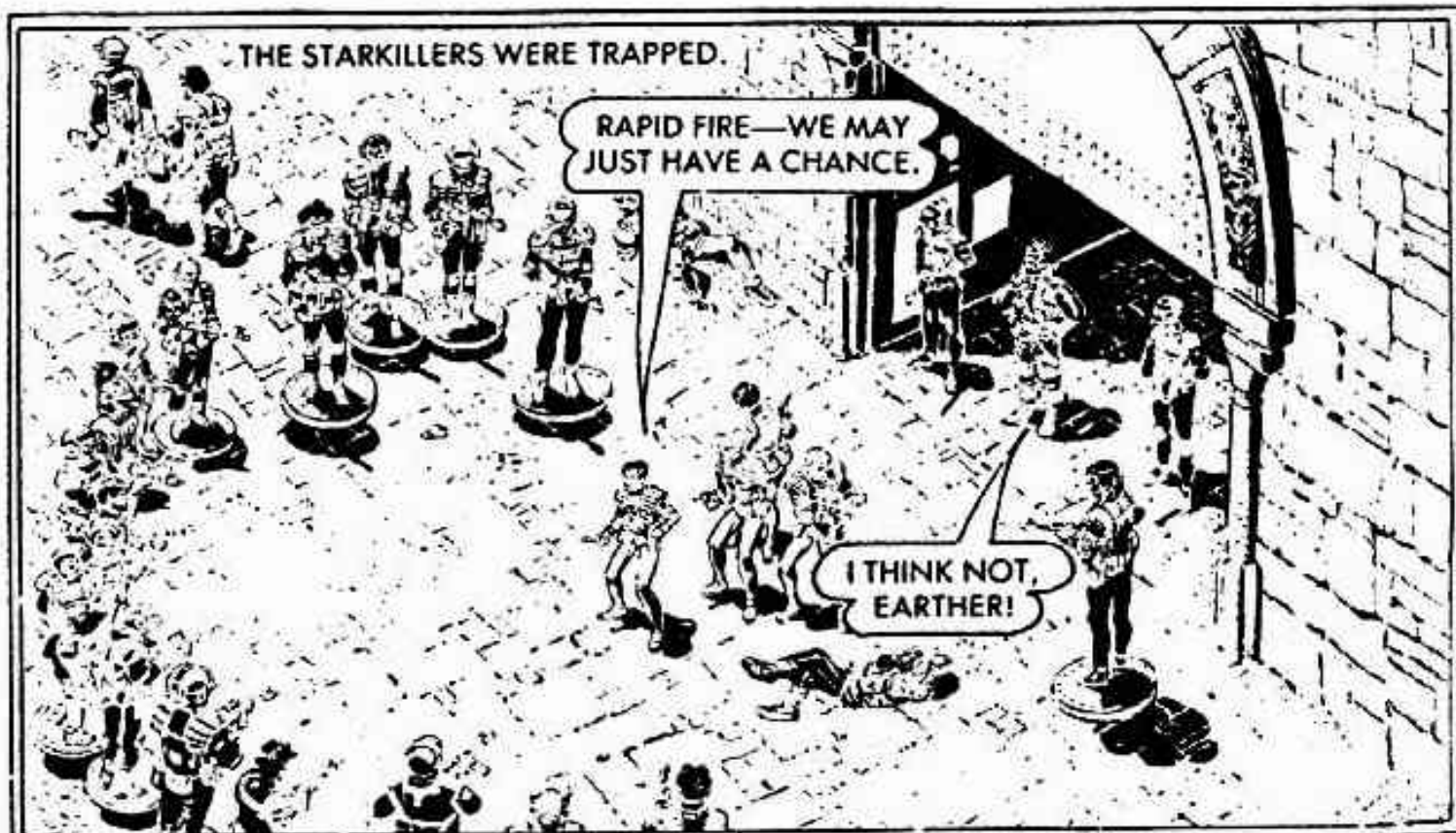
SUDDENLY, FROM GRAV-VENTS IN THE COURTYARD—



THE STARKILLERS WERE TRAPPED.

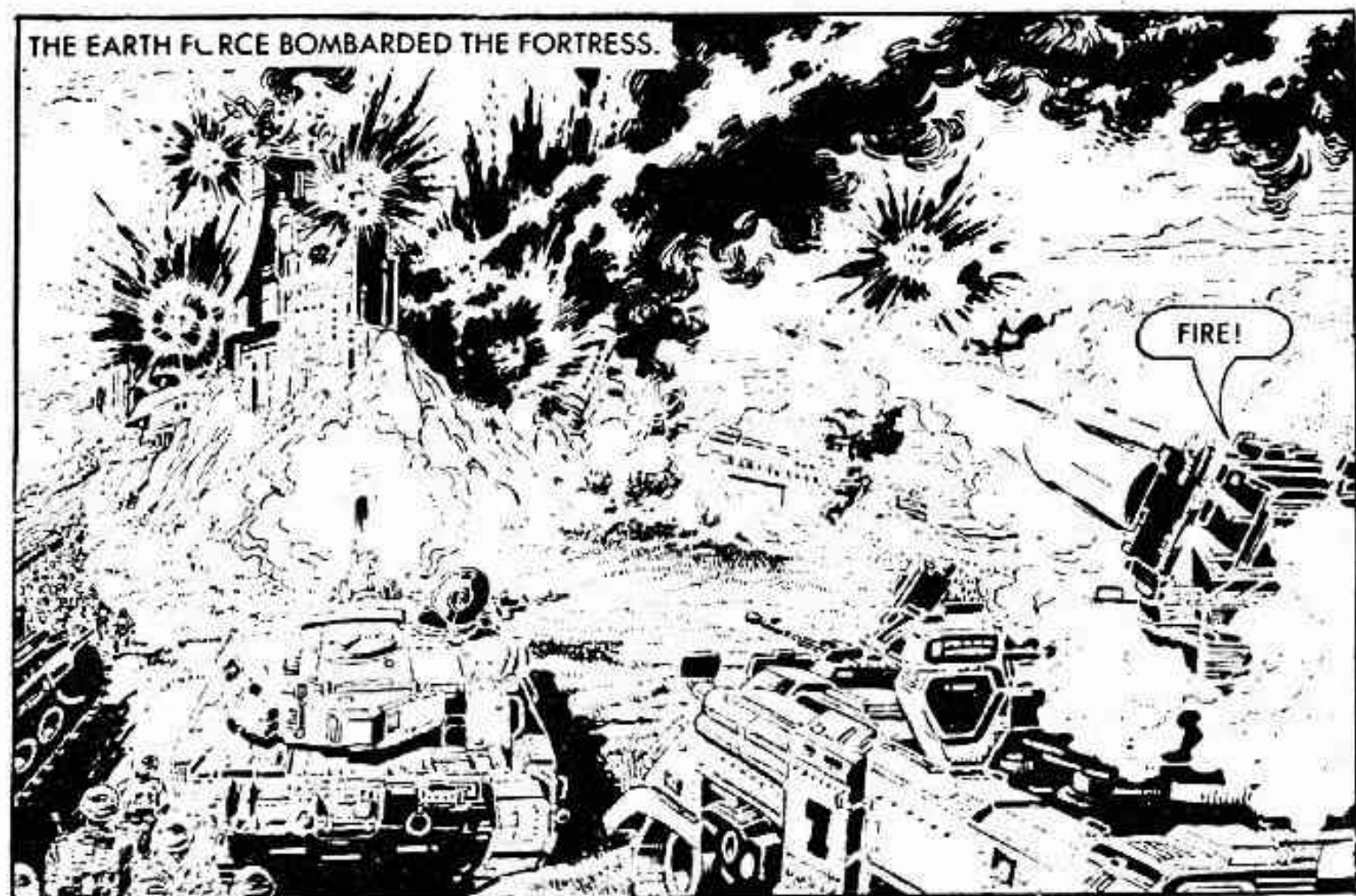
RAPID FIRE—WE MAY JUST HAVE A CHANCE.

I THINK NOT, EARTHER!











TARB SAW HIS CHANCE.



TARB'S GETTING AWAY!



TARB BOARDED AN ESCAPE CRAFT.



THE BRITS OVERPOWERED THE GUARDS.





THE ESCAPE SHIP BLASTED OFF . . .



. . . AND HIT THE CONCENTRATED THERMAL FIELD.



SOME TIME LATER—

THE LASER BARRIER IS DOWN.  
WE HAVE COME TO OFFER OUR THANKS.

TARB IS DEAD. G-BRIT  
IS FREE AGAIN.

ALL EARTH IS FREE AGAIN—  
THANKS TO THE STARKILLERS!

PEOPLE WHO SEEK TO DOMINATE BY FORCE OF  
ARMS SHALL ALWAYS FALL TO THE FORCE OF GOOD.



**DON'T FORGET THIS  
MONTH'S *OTHER***

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